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## Senator-elect Allen Announces Senate Staff

**December 17, 2002** – This week Sen.-elect Jason Allen announced his senate staff for the upcoming legislative session.

“My staff and I are looking forward to serving the constituents of the 37<sup>th</sup> Senate District,” Allen said. “The individuals working in my office bring with them a great determination to serve and a vast knowledge of state government and the needs of northern Michigan communities.”

Allen announced at the following individuals will staff his office:

**Jamie Callahan**, Traverse City, has been named the Senator's chief of staff. Jamie is a Traverse City native, graduating from Traverse City Central and is the son of Mike and Grace Callahan. He has been the Legislative Director for Sen.-elect Allen since 1999, overseeing Representative Allen's personal legislation and committee management. Prior to the legislature, his background includes banking, marketing and accounting.

**Laura DuBreuil**, DeWitt, will serve as the executive assistant in charge of the Senator's schedule. Laura has been the office manager and scheduler with the Allen's office since 1999. Laura is a veteran staff member, with previous experience in the Senate and the Executive office with Lt. Governor Connie Binsfeld.

**Jeremy Hendges**, Traverse City, will be the Legislative Assistant in the Senator's office. He will focus primarily on Allen's personal legislation and committee management. Jeremy recently graduated from Grand Valley State University with B.A. in Public Relations. He was born and raised in Traverse City where he graduated from Traverse City Central High School.

**Joe Agostinelli**, Traverse City, will serve as a constituent specialist, with his primary duty

of working with the citizens of the district. Joe also graduated from Traverse City Central and is the son of Nick and Molly Agostinelli. He received a bachelor's degree in Political Science with a focus in American politics from the University of Michigan this past spring where he was also a member of the Cross-Country running team.

**Dorothy Gordon**, Okemos, will work in the office as a constituent specialist. She has been a member of the Senator-elect's staff since 1999, handling constituent inquiries and special projects in the district. Dorothy initially came to the Legislature in 1994 as a staff member of then co-Speaker Paul Hillegonds. She brings broad based legislative experience to the office.

**Joellen Tryban**, Cheboygan, will serve as a staff assistant in Sen.-elect Allen's office. Her primary duties will be working with the citizens of the district who contact the office. Joellen is a graduate of Cheboygan Area High School and is the daughter of Joseph and MaryEllen Tryban. She is expected to earn a bachelor's degree in family community services with an emphasis in young children in June 2003.

“Serving the residents of the 37<sup>th</sup> Senate District will take the knowledge and experience of every one of my staff members,” Allen said. “I am confident that they will do an excellent job for constituents.”

Allen will serve as the State Senator for the 37<sup>th</sup> Senate District, representing Grand Traverse, Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Chippewa and Mackinac counties.